

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 26 – HB 16

March 24, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes a county legislative body to call for a run-off election between tied candidates for offices filled by votes of a single county or civil service district.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$9,000/Per Run-Off Election/Permissive

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005210): Authorizes, instead of requires, a county legislative body to cast the deciding vote for offices filled by the votes of a single county or civil service district, thus making the authorization to call for a run-off election available.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The number and timing of such elections resulting in a tie and the subsequent decision of the county legislative body to cast the deciding vote or to hold a run-off election cannot be reasonably determined.
- According to the Secretary of State, a run-off election held during a general election would result in no additional cost for local governments.
- In the event that a run-off election is a special, stand-alone, election, the cost to administer such election would vary from county to county.
- According to the Secretary of State, the cost of one stand-alone election could vary from \$9,000 to \$100,000 depending on the election type and the location of such election. Any increase in local government expenditures would be permissive.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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